

Application No. 10/779,681
Amendment dated March 28, 2008
Reply to Office Action of November 28, 2007

Docket No.: 0465-1747P

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 29-36, 38 and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchiya et al. in view of Applicant's admitted prior art. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The above rejected claims 29-34, 36 and 39 have been canceled. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 29-34, 36 and 39 is moot.

As for claims 35 and 38, claims 35 and 38 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of canceled dependent claims 37 and 40, respectively. Therefore, amended independent claims 35 and 38 are allowable, as discussed above.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong Reg. No. 40,953 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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